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In re Application of:

Salman Akram

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed July 21, 2003, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on October 21, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.